# We're All In This Together:

**Engaging the Nonprofit Community** 



# **Benefits of Expanded Collaborations**

■ Expanded pool of partners = Increased resources and capabilities

☐ Building collaborations prior to the crisis produces more effective & efficient outcomes Partnerships built upon common features are more likely to survive during periods of crisis

☐ Regional planning, networking, training and exercising fosters an environment conducive to achieving the common goals and promotes sustainability

## **VOAD** is

A collaboration of nonprofit organizations, the faith community and others, ready to help the victims of disaster through organized preparedness and response

### **Our Mission**

To foster more effective service to people affected by disasters.

# **Guiding Principles**

- Cooperation
- Communication
- Coordination
- Collaboration

## Methodology

☐ Improve coordination by providing trainings, networking opportunities and assistance in the planning efforts of its members

☐ Create a climate of trust and teamwork among member organizations at all levels and provide channels for sharing plans and information

☐ Focusing efforts on preparedness and seeking to improve efficiencies and effectiveness by strengthening relationships and facilitating agreements among member organizations.

# Organizational Structure

#### National VOAD

- 48 Members
- Resources capable of national response

#### **VA VOAD**

- 47 Members
- Resources capable of state-wide response

#### Regional VOAD's

- Resources capable of response within service area
  - South Eastern VA Regional
  - Greater Williamsburg Regional
  - Northern VA Regional
  - Peninsula Regional
  - Rappahannock Regional
  - Virginia Capital Regional

### **NoVA VOAD**

☐ Service area includes Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Manassas and Manassas Park. (Region 8 Planning District)

☐ 28 members